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Number 13 Stephanie Kruse celebrates her first and what would become the winning goal Friday with Julie Moeller and number six Ashley Grace. The Mavericks defeated the Ravens 3-1 Friday but fell to No. 2 Christian Brothers Sunday in the NCAA Division II title game.

Mav soccer's run halted in final

PAUL FREELAND
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. – The UNO women's soccer team fell one game short of a perfect season as the Mavericks fell 2-1 to No. 2 Christian Brothers in the Division II women's soccer final.

Mav senior Stephanie Kruse scored two goals in No. 3 UNO's 3-1 semifinal win over fourth-ranked Franklin Pierce. However, a goal and an assist from CBU's Missy Gregg, the nation's leading scorer, gave the Buccaneers their first national title.

Maverick Head Coach Don Klosterman said the title game pitted the two best teams against each other, which was as it should be.

"Christian Brothers is a good team and that was a fun game," Klosterman said. "Each team had spells where they were in control of the game and it was back and forth. It's the way a championship game should be with the two best teams in the tournament playing at the end. Sometimes things happen in a game and things don't go your way."

Gregg opened the scoring in the third minute, getting open in the box to head her 62nd goal of the season past UNO goalkeeper Amy Price.

The Mavericks, playing in the fourth-year program's first final, answered back through Kruse in the 20th minute. Kruse charged down an attempted clearance from a CBU defender and shot the resulting loose ball just inside the far post, leveling the score at 1-1.

Freshman defender Meghan Pile, one of five Mavericks named to the all-tournament team, said the team was well aware of Gregg's capabilities.

"[Gregg] is a good player and we knew what to expect with her," Pile said. "It was a little hard coming in with one injured fullback, but I thought we did a good job dealing with her overall."

UNO's back line was without the services of starter Rachel Tushner for the final. The sophomore defender

pulled her hamstring in the semifinal against Franklin Pierce and was ruled out of the championship game.

Gregg had a chance to give the Buccaneers the lead again in the 57th minute as she played one-on-one with Price, but the Mav keeper was quick off her line and was able to stuff Gregg in the penalty box.

One minute later, Kruse had a chance to put UNO in the lead as she rose to meet a Brytten Kraft cross. However, Kruse could only put her free header over the crossbar.

CBU's breakthrough came in the 66th minute. Gregg, who had been frequently foiled by UNO's offside trap throughout the game, beat the trap and played the ball past Price to Anna Rask. Rask shot the ball into the empty net and put CBU up 2-1.

Price atoned for the error with her reflex save from Gregg's header, denying Gregg her second goal in a minute. Jessica Dotson's first-time volley from a Christen Boeckel corner kick was UNO's best chance for an equalizer, but her shot was saved as CBU held on for the win.

Klosterman praised his team's seniors for their efforts in the game and throughout the program's progression.

"I really feel for the seniors right now," Klosterman said. "They started this thing for us and they've stuck with it all the way. Steph Kruse had a great season, not only with her goals but also with her leadership. This was a remarkable season for her."

Four seniors will depart from the 2002 roster: Julie Moeller, Akeisha Varnado, Kruse and Michelle Villanueva all completed their UNO careers.

Stephanie Kirby scored UNO's first goal in the semifinals, volleying the ball home from 18 yards out in the 30th minute. Martta Makila's tap-in one minute before halftime tied the game for Franklin Pierce.

Kruse began to assert herself on the match in the 54th minute as her shot from a Kirby free kick bounced off the

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Gateway columnist says UNO staff member invaded his privacy

JOSIE LOZA
NEWS EDITOR

Josh Bashara describes himself as a very opinionated person. He says he wants to share that quality with other people through his writing.

"A column is the vehicle that I can do that," he said. "It's the only way that you can squeeze creative writing into a paper these days."

So, last year Bashara, a sophomore journalism major, began writing as a columnist for the campus newspaper, *The Gateway*.

Bashara said he doesn't mind it when people disagree with the columns he writes. In fact, he encourages his readers to send feedback.

On average, Bashara receives two to three e-mails a month from readers.

"Every feedback letter I get, I send a personal reply," he said.

Bashara said one letter by a UNO staff member went a little too far.

In the Nov. 22 column "Confessions of a data pirate," published by *The Gateway*, Bashara asked readers to consider whether there is anything wrong with pirating music

and movies from the Internet.

The column prompted Dan Mathis, a UNO employee, to write an e-mail criticizing Bashara for advocating the theft of music from the Internet. Bashara received the e-mail about a week after the column was published.

Mathis, an enrollment records specialist in the Perkins Loan office, wrote the following in the e-mail, "Seeing that you are an average journalism major (I checked your grades), you might want to reconsider the power of the pen."

Bashara said he felt a little violated that anyone would look into his grades because of a column.

Mathis wouldn't release a comment on the issue by phone Sunday evening.

Student enrollment records specialists work with Perkins loan borrowers and currently enrolled students. Mathis started working for the university in 2001. His employment ended this month.

Bashara said he's "always interested in what readers have to say about the stuff that I write."

After reading the e-mail, Bashara said of Mathis, "I totally knew he was playing a totally

different ballgame."

Bashara told his editor, Kristin Zagurski, about the e-mail.

"My instincts told me it was wrong," he said. "I didn't know if there were university rules against that."

Bashara knows he is not the only student this has happened to.

"I was in a position that other students might not have been to get support on it," he said. "If it was another student, they might not know who to report it to."

A similar incident – involving another UNO employee, not Mathis – happened earlier this year to another *Gateway* staff member.

"I knew it wasn't allowed and should be addressed," Zagurski said. She said columnists' contact information is placed at the end of each article so readers can submit feedback.

"We want columnist feedback," she said. "It's a good tool for us to learn what our



Josh Bashara

readers want."

After learning about Bashara's incident, Zagurski advised Bashara to contact Carol Buffington, manager of student publications, to report the staff member's misuse of department resources. Buffington notified other UNO officials because she was concerned a staff member would access a student's grades for such a purpose.

Stacey Molgaard, coordinator for Perkins Loans,

said she could not comment on the incident or say whether any discipline was carried out because it is a personnel matter.

Wade Robinson, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment services at UNO, said the university has strict policies for staff on access and use of student records.

Robinson said many staff members have access to student information service. The only way staff members can retrieve confidential information about students is if their position holds a "need to know" status. Some of the

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Renovations ahead for MBSC

KRISTIN ZAGURSKI
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When students arrived at school this fall, they found new e-mail kiosks in the Food Court of the Milo Bail Student Center.

Jim Welch, director of the student center, said the kiosks have been very well-received.

"I'm very pleased with the usage," Welch told a group of students Friday. "There's virtually someone there at all times."

Improvements such as the installation of the kiosks are made possible through student fees. Each student pays \$30 a semester to support a bond for student center remodeling. Proceeds from sales in the bookstores and Food Court as well as from room rentals in the student center help supplement the funding.

This summer, funds will be used to make a few more improvements in the student center.

Welch said the biggest project of the summer will be the conversion of the existing computer lab in the student center to a 24-hour lab.

The project, which is estimated to cost between \$80,000 and \$90,000, will include the installation of rolling gates for security and ramps for handicapped access.

Welch said the need for the 24-hour lab rose when the 24-hour lab that was located in the Epley

Administration Building closed. When renovations are complete, both the lab and the adjacent lounge area will be open 24 hours a day. Renovations are set to begin the Monday after spring commencement.

Also planned for this summer is the renovation of the stairwell on the northwest side of the student center.

Welch said the lighting, ceiling and wall coverings would be updated in the project that is anticipated to cost about \$15,000.

Another project Welch hoped would be completed this summer will be put off for a couple of years.

A \$400,000 to \$500,000 renovation of the Food Court was initially planned for this summer, but Welch said the timing for the project is not very good right now because of budget concerns. He said the student center does have enough money in its reserves to complete the project and that it "will



photo by Chris Machian

The Milo Bail Student Center will undergo many renovations this summer. In the future, the computer lab and adjacent lounge will be open 24 hours.

happen in the next few years."

Plans call for the installation of booths, the lowering of ceilings and the replacement of flooring — measures Welch hopes will make the Food Court more inviting to students.

Welch, whose office is on the second floor of the student center, has an open-door policy. He encourages students to stop in and offer their suggestions for the improvement of the Student Center.

"Anything we can do for the betterment of the students is first and foremost," he said.

Pikes acquire house in former Gold Coast district

JOSIE LOZA
NEWS EDITOR

Matt Leaper will be among a handful of fraternity brothers moving into the first Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house for the Delta Chi chapter.

"We've never had a chapter house in our 50-year history," he said.

Leaper said he feels the house is a great way to bring him and his brothers together.

On Nov. 20, Pi Kappa Alpha closed a deal to acquire the historic Redick Mansion, which is located at 104 S. 39th St. The mansion is a part of the former Gold Coast housing district, which was once an area where Omaha's most prominent families resided.

Jim Kresnik, president of the Delta Chi housing corporation, said the house is a three-story stucco building. It is white with a red mission tile roof.



photo by Josie Loza

UNO's Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity recently purchased a 10,000-square-foot house, located at 104 S. 39th St.

Kresnik said the chapter's housing corporation has been pursuing the property since May.

"We've had a number of inspections to make sure we're up to code that are usually associated with older homes," he said.

Kresnik said there are 28 rooms in the 10,000-square-foot house, which has six bathrooms and a full

basement.

"It's a historic house. It was built in 1906 for the Redick family," he said. "It ties into the history of UNO because Judge John Redick donated one of the first homes to UNO."

The fraternity wanted to establish a permanent home

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Students buckle up to win a pickup

BETH FLYNN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

According to www.seatbelt.com, roughly 40,000 people die each year in the United States due to car accidents where seat belts are not worn.

From 1990-98, 15,000 children died in car accidents. In 1997, 3,357 children under the age of 15 were killed in the United States alone. These figures do not include those who were just injured.

Many organizations and states are working to lower these numbers.

UNO is working with the Safety and Health Council of Greater Omaha and other sponsors to inform as many

people as possible the risks of not wearing seat belts on every trip.

Students are encouraged to stop by the Campus Recreation office, Room 100 of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building, to enter a drawing to win a Dodge Dakota Pickup.

Students must fill out a form and answer three questions correctly. The answers to the questions can be found on the entry form. Students must also have their driver's license numbers accessible. The license number will be used to assure the student has not had any driving violations within the last 10 years.

The drawing will be held Dec. 30,

but students must complete the forms by Dec. 28 in order for the Safety and Health Council to receive them on time. Currently, there are other projects going in the state to increase the use of safety belts.

"There are coalitions around the state working on campaigns to increase seat belt use and thereby decrease traffic fatalities and injuries," said professor David Corbin. "There is a coalition in Omaha that is working on investigating the possibility of having a more strict seat belt law in Omaha and to promote seat belt use among Omaha high school students."

Although there have been other

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SPJ gets personal with columnist Mike Kelly

LEIA BAEZ
STAFF WRITER

Omaha World-Herald columnist Mike Kelly did more than touch up on journalism fundamentals with students and faculty Friday afternoon at an event sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists.

The renowned writer, who has worked for the Omaha World-Herald for more than 32 years, shared stories of his experiences as a journalist.

Of all of Kelly's journalistic experiences, one has definitely been the most personal.

On the first day of summer this year, Kelly's daughter Bridget was raped, shot three times and left for dead in Killeen, Texas, where she was living and teaching first grade.

Miraculously, Kelly's daughter survived and with her encouragement, Kelly has taken this experience and shared it with thousands of readers.

In a profession where rape victims are rarely named, Kelly and his daughter agreed to print her name because she wanted to stand up and be heard.

"Bridget asked, 'Why is it more shameful to be a rape victim than a gun shot victim?'" Kelly said. "News media is maybe partly to blame for the fact that a stigma still exists."

Although emotional and hurt, Kelly has been able to remain strong through the tragedy and display powerful writing. Kelly advised students and faculty that in order "to write of emotion, be unemotional."

Guerin Austin, a senior broadcasting major and president of SPJ, is one of many students who were inspired by Kelly's stories and his talent.

"I think it's very enlightening as a journalist to take something personal to educate people what really goes on in society," Austin said. "I think he gave us a lot of good advice and the knowledge to try anything."

Kelly also advised the group to write about something even if it doesn't interest you because you can gain interest as you research and write the story.

Although Bridget's attacker has been sentenced to life plus 40 years and ineligible for parole until 2052, Kelly said he would like to know more about his daughter's attacker and possibly write a book about Bridget's triumph.

Many students and faculty members at the event commended Kelly for his outstanding storytelling. Kelly, 54, credited his ability to his experiences.

"All of my experience helps me now," he said. "I'm old, but I feel I am in the prime of my career."

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Musings on Christmas

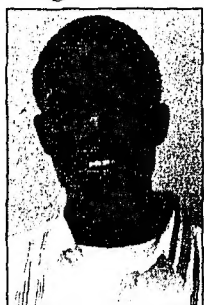
'Tis the season to be jolly and jolly we are, regardless of the circumstances or the various specters of malevolent persons who threaten to destroy the fragile atmosphere of peace several of us enjoy in our lives.

I have always been a great Christmas fan myself. At a tender age, my brain somehow deduced the fact the Christmas, chicken and presents were synonymous and several years of pilgrimage on this earth have not proved me wrong. I have also watched over the years as many people have tried to snatch this precious season out my hands: a cleric once stood on a pulpit and belligerently testified to me that Jesus wasn't born in December, that Christmas was an offshoot of pagan ceremonies and as such, God-fearing persons should have nothing to do with such celebrations. Another person of dubious character, insistent upon disabusing my mind from the notion that Christmas had anything to do with Christendom, Christianity or Christ, whipped out the holy book and in a flurry of pages posited that a certain apostle by the name of Paul, had forbidden the celebration of such events or the observation of times and seasons. I had no problems with the opinions of either of these gentlemen — my mind was on the presents and the lights, and I could care less about getting into a doctrinal tangle with anyone.

The season has come to represent much to many people in different lands. To one it is a time of reflections, thoughts of peace and goodwill. To another it is a time of resolutions, reconciliation and revelations. Some will have nothing to do with the season ... they recognize neither its object nor its message. Others seize the opportunity to promote "choice" on earth. Many have drawn up plans for war during the season and at the same time a great many have been healed. Yes, different people place different meanings in what is as near universal as any celebration could get. Nonetheless, observing Christmas preparations in America has been a very instructive experience; it seems nothing can withstand the influence of capitalist America. Christmas in this land of dollars and gold is now, for the most part, one huge sales event.

Most things that can be sold or commercialized to flow with the season have been. Black Santa Clauses? Available. White Santa Clauses? In stock. Hispanic Santa Clauses? Expecting delivery tomorrow. Do check back. Would you like us to call you?

Coming to America



Fisayo Adejuyigbe

It doesn't matter that few have provided empirical evidence of an angel sighting. Making the "divine" in the image of man is something humans have been practicing since the Garden of Eden. The result? White angels, black angels, pink angels, colorless angels and, in case the image of man is not an accurate representation, baby angels in rainbow colors.

Christmas shopping is the new ritual for the celebration of this religious event and if the weather is uncooperative, there are a number of companies selling snow-making machines and plastic snowmen. The auto dealers are not left out of the spree. Several manufactures will stop at nothing in trying to convince us Santa has given up his aged reindeer sled for their Jeep, SUV or sports car. Santa has to keep up with the demands of this industrial age. The shamans of capitalism are ready to contest to the bitter death in the law courts, should that aged fellow rise from his habitation at the pole and sue for copyright infringements. Christmas is for everybody ... but make sure your credit cards are ready to take off in the swipe race.

Could it be that the message behind the season has been lost in the flurry of teddy bears, game consoles, greeting cards and Ho! Ho! Hos? Maybe not. Things like Christmas have always been subject to influences that adapt them and change their meaning — after all, the "season" is a human creation and the members of the species have the right to change its name or meaning if they so choose. We, therefore, cannot accurately say the meaning of the season has been lost; it probably has just been changed. I have always held that the driving force behind the actions of people was mainly economical. Things get done because they are economically rewarding. The acquisition of resources is man's major quest in life and Christmas, from the boardrooms of corporate America to the bedrooms of the general public, is one huge resource acquisition event. Half prices, those extras "thrown in if you call now" and "buy now pay later" advertisements are all incentives to get people to buy, buy and buy. Indeed, money makes the world go round and we know the joyful face of the little child on Christmas morn might never be if wizened Saint Nick didn't maintain a working relationship with his faithful elves, Visa, MasterCard and Discover.

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Store's campaign is in 'ho ho ho' style

I have never really been a big fan of Abercrombie and Fitch. The clothing stores are all over the place but I have only entered them a time or two.

For the most part, the clothing just is not my style. Upon my trips to their store, I did not notice anything out of the ordinary compared to other preppy-chic stores.

Then again, I was just in the store; I was not really shopping.

Apparently, there is more controversy surrounding this clothing chain than I realized.

I can recall not that long ago, the company was being bombarded with complaints about a new item: children's thongs. Personally, I found the idea in overall poor taste. Who in their right mind would buy their 9-year-old a red thong with the words "eye candy" written on it? The kids who would be wearing these undergarments are not going to be able to get to the store and buy their thongs all on their own. The control is in the parents' hands, not the company's.

If the item did not sell, it would be

Smile and nod



Sarah Meedel

pulled and no longer exist. But oddly enough, the kiddie thong does sell. Why would a large clothing company give a crap if the thong little Annie is wearing ends up pushing a pedophile over the edge? They don't. Once an item is out of the store, it is out of their hands.

Another controversy I have heard about is Abercrombie and Fitch's quarterly catalogue. I have

never had a chance to flip through one of these catalogues. I did punch in "Abercrombie and Fitch quarterly catalogue" into Google and found many people ranting about the soft-core porn likeness of the publication. The search even produced a Web site promoting "obscene" excerpts from the catalogue.

There were some nude models participating in sports, lounging and cuddling but nothing that would constitute graphic pornography. It was difficult to guess what the company was selling in the photos. How does a clothing company sell nudity?

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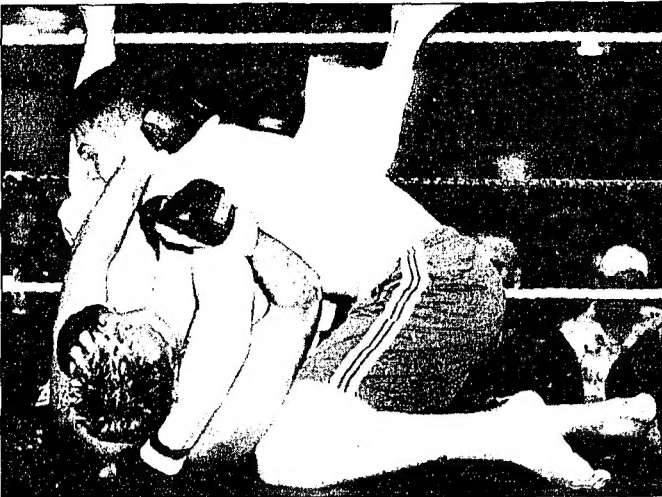
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Josh "The Dentist" Neer holds Justin Hillgreen against the mat during a no-holds-barred match during the Tuesday night Fights at Club Amnesia. Hillgreen eventually "tapped out" after receiving a few hard hits to the head.

photo by Josh Williamson



Ultimate fighting – A brief history

BEN COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 12, 1993, Ultimate Fighting Championship 1 went down in mixed martial arts history as America's first official introduction to the sport of no-holds-barred fighting. Held in Denver, Colo., the sport only had three rules: no biting, no eye gouging and no fish hooking (the practice of inserting a thumb or other appendage into the mouth of the opponent and pulling at the cheek).

Eight men squared off tournament-style and bare-knuckled in an eight-sided cage with 6-foot-tall walls. There were no time limits. There were no weight classes. The winner would have to win by knockout or by submission.

American martial arts aficionados drooled over the prospect of a tournament in which the winning fighter would represent the most useful and applicable martial art. Gone were the formalities and traditions of traditional martial arts. This was for real. Who would win? The boxer? The wrestler? The jiu-jitsu expert? The karate expert? The sumo wrestler?

In the end, Royce Gracie, a 180-pound

Brazilian jiu-jitsu expert — the smallest man in the event — took it all. The boxer gave up when Gracie took him to the mat. Ken Shamrock, another famous mixed martial arts pioneer, was choked out by Gracie. The man Gracie took on in the finals had broken his hand punching the head of another fighter in an earlier match. He was choked out as well.

And to show the world it wasn't a fluke, Gracie won UFCs 2 and 4. The average man envied Gracie's ability to defeat hulking world-class wrestlers without even bruising a knuckle.

As a result, even Arizona Senator John McCain's attempts to ban the sport couldn't eradicate America's newfound love of no-holds-barred fighting and the implication that a "normal" man could defeat in combat men much larger than himself.

The UFC is still around, though the sport has changed a great deal. Now there are added rules, time limits, rounds and weight classes. Fighters are faster, stronger, smarter and better prepared than they've ever been in the past. Gone are the days of David versus Goliath simulated street fights.

Bar-room brawls

Club Amnesia plays host to Omaha's fight club

BEN COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

Kirk Skaggs is "a little bit nervous." He's shadow boxing, trying to warm up for his first no-holds-barred fight. The 18-year-old works as an insulator by day.

"I watched that Tito Ortiz-Ken Shamrock fight," he says. Skaggs explains the headlining fight in Ultimate Fighting Championship 40 is what motivated him to step into the ring.

Skaggs is in the back of Club Amnesia, by the video dartboards — the designated fighter warm-up spot. He is 5 feet 7 inches tall and a lean 163 pounds. He doesn't look mean. He looks concerned. He talks about his fight strategy as he gets loose.

"I just want to go out there and kick some ass," he says.

It's 10 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3. It's almost time to fight.

"I've done occasional street fighting in the past," Skaggs says. "I've been in a few [fights]. Those were all one punch, it's over. I'd like to do something like that today, but it's a little different."

Club Amnesia is packed. Again. The bar seats about 120 in the main event area and those seats are filled. There are probably 300 people already in the club.

And they're all screaming for blood.

"Where else can you go to the bar, beat the shit out of someone and not go to jail?" growls the club's announcer, Ken Hurley.

Over a decade ago, an event like this would have been far underground — far from the prying eyes of the public.

Then along came Ultimate Fighting Championship 1, mainstream America's introduction to a sport Brazil had known for

many decades as Vale Tudo — no-holds-barred fighting.

The UFC was raw — no weight classes, next to no rules. Since its 1993 inception, certain rules have been added.

In the current UFC, you can't knee a downed opponent in the head — but you can at Club Amnesia.

Chad Mason, Fight Club's promoter, explains: "The reason I allow knees is because ... it's really not a big issue with people getting hurt with knees, just some cuts and stuff. I think it makes it a little more exciting for the crowd. If it became a safety issue I'd pull the knees."

At Fight Club there is no biting, no fish hooking, no eye gouging, hair pulling or small joint manipulation (fingers and toes). You can't grab somebody's throat with your fingers. You can't hit to the groin. No downward elbows.

But you *can* throw a forearm. And it appears in Skaggs' case, fighters don't even need to be 21 years old to compete. Fighters also aren't required to wear mouthpieces.

"I can't really require them to wear them," says Mason about mouthpieces. "I do tell them it's strongly recommended."

Skaggs may have wished Mason would have made knee strikes illegal. Skaggs was able to take his opponent to the mat quickly in the first round but the second round starts to turn ugly. The victim of a huge slam, Skaggs is driven to the mat and becomes curled into a belly-down fetal position, hands covering the majority of his head. His opponent issues a large number of knees to the skull — at least 15. Skaggs seems unsure of the protocol of ending a

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The big concert update

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OMAHA:

- Dec. 11 Andrew W.K. – Ranch Bowl
- Dec. 14 The Get Up Kids – Sokol Auditorium
- Dec. 26 Mannheim Steamroller – Omaha Civic Auditorium
- Dec. 27 Mannheim Steamroller – Omaha Civic Auditorium
- Dec. 28 Indigenous – Music Box
- Dec. 28 Mannheim Steamroller – Omaha Civic Auditorium
- Dec. 29 Cursive – Sokol Underground

LINCOLN:

- Dec. 13 Breaking Benjamin – Royal Grove
- Dec. 21 Kelley Hunt – Zoo Bar
- Dec. 22 Lorie Line – Pershing Auditorium
- Dec. 22 Stone Sour – Royal Grove
- Dec. 28 Shaking Tree – Rococo Theatre

LAWRENCE, Kan.:

- Dec. 12 Hey Mercedes – The Bottleneck
- Dec. 13 The Get Up Kids – The Bottleneck
- Dec. 14 The Schwag – The

Bottleneck
Dec. 31 BR549 – Liberty Hall

MINNEAPOLIS:

- Dec. 10 The Hope Conspiracy – Quest Club
- Dec. 10 Lorie Line – State Theatre
- Dec. 10 Aerosmith – Target Center
- Dec. 11 Lorie Line – State Theatre
- Dec. 12 Brave Combo – First Avenue
- Dec. 12 Lorie Line – State Theatre
- Dec. 13 Lorie Line – State Theatre
- Dec. 14 Lorie Line – State Theatre
- Dec. 16 John Tesh – Guthrie Theater
- Dec. 20 Houston – 7th Street Entry

KANSAS CITY, Mo.:

- Dec. 11 Brave Combo – Grand Emporium
- Dec. 12 The Disasters – El Torreon
- Dec. 14 Broken Cowboys – Beaumont Club
- Dec. 14 Divit – El Torreon
- Dec. 14 Magic Slim & The Teardrops – Grand Emporium
- Dec. 20 The Hope Conspiracy – El Torreon
- Dec. 20 Neil Diamond – Kemper Arena
- Dec. 27 House Of Large Sizes – The Hurricane
- Dec. 30 Indigenous – Grand Emporium

Surviving the great American road trip

COLUMN BY
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In case you haven't noticed, Omaha isn't exactly the bright and shiny center of the universe the Chamber of Commerce makes it out to be. For a free-lance video hack like myself, life in Omaha inevitably means a life of extensive travel. Last year alone I logged over 3,000 hours of windshield time. While the image of the open road carries a certain amount of romance with it, the reality of spending large portions of your life behind the wheel eventually takes its toll on your nerves. I've managed to come up with a few tips that make hours of mindless driving pass a little easier.

First of all, traveling alone sucks. Having anyone in the car, even someone you really don't like, lends itself to all kinds of fun. At night, you can try to convince them that the oncoming car is actually two motorcycles driving side by side, then swerve across the center line to prove it. Instead of hitting your passenger in the shoulder every time you see a Volkswagen, get a bottle of Southern Comfort and take a swig every time you see a cop car. If you're traveling with another guy, when you stop at the gas station, purchase a packet of those herbal supplements that claim to increase sexual arousal and make sure he sees you take them.

The gas station itself is a big part of the trip. If given a choice, always refuel at a truck stop. Any place where you can get gas, coffee, pornography and a shower 24 hours a day truly deserves your business. Just remember that no matter how hungry you are, the hot dogs are for display purposes only. In all my travels I've only met one man who claims to actually enjoy them and he lived with his parents until he was 30. Your safest bet is to stick with beef jerky and

cigarettes.

As far as beverages go, caffeine and sugar are crucial. If pop is what you need, get the fountain drink. It's cheaper and when you throw a paper cup filled with urine out the window it explodes in a fascinating manner.

While we're on the subject of in-car bodily functions, no matter how bold you think you are, never go number two in the car. Even if you have a bucket lined with plastic bags and it feels like one of those super clean power dumps that will just shoot right out, it's not worth it. In case

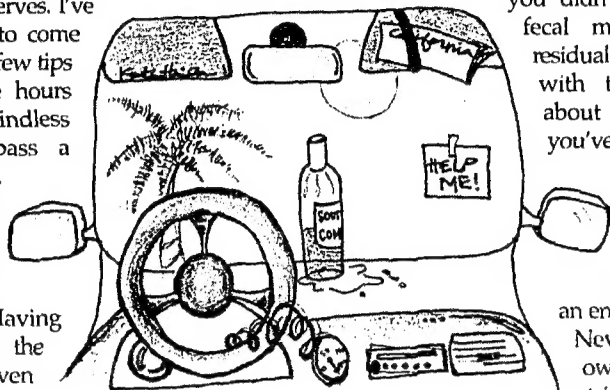
you didn't know, human fecal matter leaves a residual smell that stays with the vehicle for about 400 miles after you've thrown it out the window.

The vehicle you're traveling in is another aspect of an enjoyable road trip. Never drive your own car on a long trip. Most of the time you can get a

rental car online for a very reasonable rate and for a few extra bucks you can even have it insured. In a rental car you're not just driving, you're also brushing up on important Grand Theft Auto 3 skills. If you're not capitalizing on any opportunity to squeal the tires or use the emergency brake, you truly don't deserve a driver's license.

Picking up and dropping off the car can also be a great source of amusement. The lady behind the desk gives a priceless look when you take the keys and casually ask, "Now a Dodge Stratus is an off-road vehicle right?" Don't forget to leave a couple of, "Help me, I've been kidnapped!" notes scribbled on toilet paper in the trunk before you give the car back.

I hope my experiences in the ways of the road prove to be helpful in your holiday travels and I leave you with one last tip. Ultimately, the best way to avoid boredom on a long road trip is to take a plane instead. Sure, the body cavity search at check-in may pinch a little, but it's worth the hours of your life you'll never get back from the highway.



Little Nelly's Naughty Noel kicks off Blue Barn Theatre's season

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Little Nelly's Naughty Noel is kicking off the 2002-03 season at the Blue Barn Theatre. This is an original play written in collaboration by Tim Sirigusa and Hughston Walkinshaw.

The play has put a twist on the common Midwestern stories such as *The Little House on the Prairie* and several other well-known stories.

The play is a spoof on Nebraska prairie life. It takes place in Douglas County, near Omaha. The railroad baron Clitus Bedium, played by Stacy Lamb, is a land grabber and has set his eyes on the Stromburks' land.

The Stromburks are members of a bizarre Midwest family who seem to have run into some bad luck. One night while Ma and Pa were dancing, they accidentally bumped the cress of baby Jesus and it fell on the ground and broke.

"The Stromburks are a wholesome family in a wicked kind of world," Walkinshaw says.

Because of the broken cress of baby Jesus, little Nelly Stromburk, a homely 12-year-old, has recently come down with the whooping cough. The family is in a mad pursuit of a magic healing elixir to cure Nelly.

Susan Clement-Toberer said the opening weekend was a sell-out.

"The season will be very exciting," she said. "I expect that the rest of the season will go the same way."

The play opened Nov. 29 and will run until Dec. 22. Showtimes are Thursday through Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors and \$10 for TAG members or groups of 10 or more. Reservations are recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, call the Blue Barn Theatre at 345-1576.

Horoscopes

PREDICTIONS BY
MADAME ZORA

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Potatoes will sing to you this week and I don't exactly know why.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Sigh. Is this semester over yet?

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
Watch who you start arguments with this week. You never know when you might get turned to stone.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
Is the cold weather making you crazy yet? It's sure making me crazy. Let's run

away to the Bahamas!

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
Get out and vote. Oh wait, the elections were a month ago. Never mind.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
Are you freaking out about finals yet? No? Oh, you will ... you will.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)
If you're cold, try putting on some pants. Pants are good for your health.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

see SCOPES, page 7

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give UNO a 3-0 win.

Brisson assisted on the empty net goal by Wong to extend his point streak to eight consecutive games.

"A lot of positive things came out of this weekend," Maverick Coach Mike Kemp said. "We played excellent defensively and earned our second road shutout of the season. The 47

from WIN, page 2

attempts and campaigns to increase seat belt use, Corbin said, "This is probably the biggest one."

There was a recent survey taken on campus regarding seat belt use.

Roughly 72 percent of drivers on campus use their seat belts. In order for UNO to be an honor roll organization, the percent needs to increase to 80. Corbin said

from HOUSE, page 2

for the group but had a problem finding the initial funding to do it. The group received a \$20,000 loan from a UNO Pike alumni.

"None of this would have been possible if it wasn't for very generous alumni that we were able to receive a loan," Leaper said.

Approximately 10 brothers will move in to the Pike house.

Leaper said the fraternity isn't the only on campus to have an official greek home. Sigma Phi Upsilon fraternity has a home that use to be a Knights of Columbus house.

"We at least want to institute that kind of living on campus," Kresnik said. "This will be a hallmark not only for us but for other fraternities."

Kresnik said the house is a big liability.

from PRIVACY, page 1

many who hold such positions include student academic advisers or counselors.

When a person is hired to a "need to know" position, they have to sign a statement of understanding of the student records policy, which underlines the penalties of misuse. Those penalties include termination.

Robinson said he has not had anything come up like this since he began working at the

from SCOPES, page 5

GET THEE TO A DENNY'S!

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)

It is never too early for New Year's resolutions. Maybe you should resolve this year to stop procrastinating. Well, I suppose you could wait a few more weeks ...

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

Adjust your halo, dear, it's a little bit

from CLUB, page 4

mixed martial arts fight. Finally, the referee, a no-holds-barred fighter named Houston Alexander who scored a vicious knockout the week before early in one of his bouts, stops the fight. Skaggs remains on the mat for a moment before he slowly gets up.

It's a slow night tonight. People just aren't signing up to fight.

"Our announcer's not doing his job very well," says Scott Wolfe, the man in charge of signing up and matching fighters. He stands in an elevated cage at the west end of the club, just 10 feet from the ring. He's got the best seat in the house.

After the third fight of the night, Mason starts offering incentives — \$300 cash and two \$50 gift certificates to Big Brain tattoo to anyone that can beat the club champion at 180 pounds — Des Moines fighter Josh "The Dentist" Neer.

"They're begging people to fight," Wolfe says. "Chad's getting pissed 'cause no one wants to fight."

shots tonight were the most all season and I feel the team is buying into the system of getting good offense by playing good defense."

The Mavericks now have 10 points in the CCHA and are in a tie for sixth place. Next weekend they will travel to face a streaking Ohio State team, ranked No. 14 in the nation, who just swept No. 11 Miami of Ohio.

he thinks UNO can do better than that.

The main goal is this drawing is to increase the knowledge for people on the risks of not wearing seat belts in every car ride.

"Buckle up," Corbin said. "Save lives, prevent serious injuries and save money."

For more information about crashes and reasons why people should buckle up, visit <http://www.safenebraska.org/clickit/>.

He said, "it really commits all of us."

"We want to inspire other fraternities and sororities," he said. "We've broadened our horizons. They can surely do it too."

Trevor Clark, president of the fraternity, said having an official house will be a great opportunity for his brothers.

"It's a unique way to finish off my college career," he said. "We're looking forward to making as much use out of it."

Leaper said the house needs a little remodeling.

"It needs a little tender, love and care, but we have a lot of man power," he said. "It'll make for a better living experience."

Leaper said the fraternity has more than 100 active members.

"We now have a home to associate with," he said. "It'll bring us more together."

university in November of 1994.

Although he hasn't seen any reports, Robinson said "it doesn't mean that it hasn't happened."

Joe Huebner, controller, said this is the first incident he knows of in the areas that he is responsible for.

"We emphasize the confidentiality of student records," Huebner said. "It is high priority for our offices."

crooked.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)

Just say no to cute musicians. Trust me on this one.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)

Raid a random friend's CD collection this week. Wear khaki and pretend you are in a new Indiana Jones movie — *Raiders of the Lost CD Collection*.

Mason also does promotion for Fight Club at Toad Holler in Des Moines, Iowa, on Wednesday nights. According to Wolfe, Fight Club averages about 22-24 fights a night in Des Moines — Omaha averages nine.

"It's been there longer," Wolfe says.

But tonight there's only been a handful of fights.

Finally a brave soul steps up to take on "The Dentist." Justin Hillgreen from Lincoln gets in the ring. The battle is intense — both men are well versed at what it takes to win in no-holds-barred. The fight lasts several minutes before Hillgreen is kicked in the face. The fight is stopped.

Mason seems to be more disappointed with the lack of fights than any of the fans in the building. The night ends with a wet T-shirt contest. Skaggs is nowhere to be found. The Dentist wins — possibly in more than one way. And nearly 400 fight fans exit the building — but they'll be back.

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What I found amusing is the catalogue must be purchased. How could something that must be bought in order to be viewed cause so much controversy? Did anyone think to just not look? If you do not want to have nudity substituted for the regular advertisements, do not shuck out \$6.

The company's latest campaign involves something a little harder to avoid. Models underdressed for the season stand

outside of the store in little more than a Santa hat and their undergarments. This ploy to lure in weary customers' will most likely force away just as many as it will entice. Complaints are already flooding in.

This particular tactic is yet another one of Abercrombie's that just makes me want to shake the CEOs of the company and scream, "Will you just think a little before do things!?"

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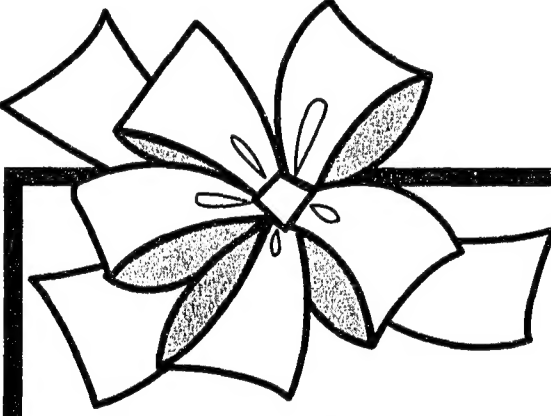
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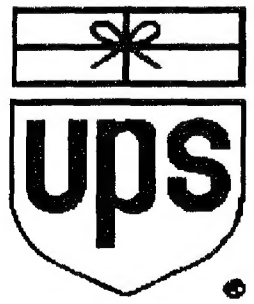
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9 am Staff Advisory Council
12 noon President & Artist in Residence
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12 noon African American Organization
12 noon Quest
1 pm Automated Time Team
1 pm Emerging Leaders Interviews
1 pm Student Orientation
4 pm Student Health Advisory Council
4 pm Delta Epsilon Chi
6 pm Alpha Xi Delta
6:15 pm Women's Studies Advisory
6:50 pm Christ on Campus
7:50 pm Lambda Theta Nu
8 pm Circle K
8 pm Lutheran Campus Ministries

Wed., December 11th

7 am Morning Prayer
8 am Goodrich Student Org.
8 am Orientation
9 am Goodrich Readings
10:50 am Understanding Alzheimers
12 noon Chapter Summary Bible Study
12 noon ALAS
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
1 pm Student Orientation
1:50 pm Strategic Planning Steering Comm.
2 pm Faculty Senate
5 pm Chancellor's Open House
6 pm Delta Sigma Theta

Thurs., December 12th

9 am SPO
9:50 am Dramatic Arts
10 am Dramatic Arts
10 am Consider This...
11 am Quest
1 pm Emerging Leaders Interviews
1:50 pm Academic Advisors

2 pm Service Learning Project Presentation
3 pm Delta Sigma Pi
3 pm Honors Symposium
6 pm Delta Sigma Pi
7 pm Student Government
8 pm Campus Crusade

Fri., December 13th

8 am Orientation
9 am Goodrich Readings
9 am Recruitment Services
10 am Army ROTC
11:50 am University Supervisors
12 noon Alcoholics Anonymous
12 noon IPD Graduation Luncheon
12 noon Interfraternity Council
1 pm Student Orientation
2 pm Judicial Board
6:50 pm Christ on Campus
6:50 pm CPACS Holiday Party

Sat., December 14th

9 am Zeta Phi Beta

10 am African American History Challenge
10 am UNOCCC Holiday Program
2 pm Air Force ROTC

Sun., December 15th

2 pm Zeta Tau Alpha
5 pm Sigma Lambda Beta
5 pm Communications Review
6 pm Theta Chi

Mon., December 16th

12 noon A.A.
12 noon EPAC Luncheon

Tues., December 17th

9 am Chicano/Latino Studies
12 noon African American Organization
12 noon Chicano/Latino Studies
2 pm SAP Users
4 pm SHAC
4 pm Delta Epsilon Chi
6:50 pm Christ on Campus

8 pm Lutheran Campus Ministries
8 pm Circle K

Wed., December 18th

8 am Cap & Gown
12 noon Academic Affairs
12 noon ALAS
5 pm Chancellor's Comm./Status of Women

Thurs., December 19th

8 am Cap & Gown
10 am Consider This...
6 pm College Republicans
8 pm Campus Crusade

Fri., December 20th

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